



Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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Weekend Holy Mass Schedule:

Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday 4:00 p.m. in the fall & winter and
5:00 p.m. in the spring & summer.
(Times will switch at Seasonal time change)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

St. John the Evangelist

Keene, Ontario

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Holy Mass Schedule:

Our Lady of the Assumption

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. for the first two Tuesdays
of the month and 8:00 a.m. for all others
Friday 7:00 p.m.

Adoration and Benediction

Every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS—

**Have you registered in our Parish?
“Parish Census” Forms can be found
at the back of the Churches. Please introduce
yourself to Fr. Michael and welcome!**

Reminder -

**If you or a family member is in the
hospital and you would like the priest at
Our Lady of the Assumption to contact you,
please phone the office.**



*4th Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017*

Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018

**Secretary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Catholic Women's League:

► President: Anna Marie Bolin
(705)742-8249

Knights of Columbus:

► Grand Knight: Peter Clancy
(705)748-3075

Marriage: Registered Parishioners must
contact the Parish Office twelve months before
the proposed Wedding date. No date for a
Wedding can be set before a couple has met
with the Priest.

Baptism: Please speak with Fr. Michael about
this after any of the Masses. Preparation
course is required.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. & 3:30 – 3:50 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

You may also ask Father at **ANYTIME**

MOVING? Please let the office know of your
move from this parish. In addition, an address
change is required for sending out the year's tax
receipts.



MASS INTENTIONS

December 25 – December 31

MONDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

4:00 p.m. (Sat) ~ Missa Pro Populo
 7:00 p.m. (Sat) ~ Missa Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo
 10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, December 26

St. Stephen

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 27

Saint John the Apostle

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, December 28

Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. + Bill & Johannah Lane

(The Family)

FRIDAY, December 29

St. Thomas Becket

6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, December 30

St. Anysia

8:00 a.m. + Len DeNoble

(Lynda, Jeff, Steve & Families)

SUNDAY, December 31

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Gerry Doherty

(Bernard & Ann Cain)

9:00 a.m. + Peter Crough

(Sandra & Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

MASS INTENTIONS

January 1 – January 7



MONDAY, January 1

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

4:00 p.m. (Sat) ~ Missa Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo
 10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, January 2

St. Basil the Great

St. Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 p.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, January 3

Holy Name of Jesus

St. Genevieve, St. Munchin

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, January 5

First Friday

St. John Neumann

6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. ~ For all those in whose memory plants were donated at Christmas.

SATURDAY, January 6

First Saturday

St. Guarinus

8:00 a.m. ~ In reparation for the outrages, offences & blasphemies against Christ in the Holy Eucharist and insults to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

SUNDAY, January 7

Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Marie Kennedy

(Helen Vozza)

9:00 a.m. + Renie Hope

(Debra, Billy, Richard & Families)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

Lay Ministry Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sat 4:00 p.m. Colleen Petersen

Sun 9:00 a.m. Noreen Malloy

10:30 a.m. Bud Monahan

Helen Vozza

Gladys Fowler

Anna Marie Bolin

December 31, 2017

Cesare & Anne Mauro

Jim & Nora Zister

Bonnie & John Kuharski

Mary, the Mother of God

Sun 4:00 p.m. Bob O'Brien

Mon 9:00 a.m. Valerie Collicutt

10:30 a.m. Anna Marie Bolin

Joanne Bolton

Mike Malloy

Jackie Bolin

Dorothy O'Brien & Joanne Walker

Joanne & Sarah Nelson

Epiphany of the Lord

Sat 4:00 p.m. Joanne Bolton

Sun 9:00 a.m. Judy Lukes

10:30 a.m. Bud Monahan

Brittany Roelofs

Mary Pat Goodridge

Cristy Doris

January 7, 2018

Paul & Catherine Kelly

Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald

Sue & Tom Livings

**Mary, the Mother of God
Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation**



January 1st while much of the world marks the new beginning of the calendar year, the Church will commemorate the great solemnity of the Mother of God.

What does this mean?

That the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of God means that the child conceived in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, carried in her body for nine months, and born into this world is God. As such, this celebration highlights the pivotal truth of the Church's Faith- that God has, in Jesus Christ, accepted a human nature, chosen to be born into this world as we have all been born into this world, and has lived a real, human life.

In doing so, God has accepted the full implication of what is means to be human, including the experiences of suffering and death.

When we identify the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of God, the emphasis is only secondarily on her- it is primarily about Christ. Mary being referred to as the Mother of God tells us that Jesus Christ is God and was always God. Christ did not "turn" into God, and calling Christ God is not just some kind of projection by which we make Jesus of Nazareth someone very important. That Jesus really and truly is God is a fact. God accepting a human nature in Christ and living a real, human life is not just a story we tell that is all symbol, myth and legend- it is all true and it really happened.

God will always exceed human expectations and will do so in ways that are absolutely extravagant. What God had done and will do will not fit neatly into our categories of understanding.

What God will deliver to us are mysteries, and it is through these mysteries that we will be able to see and, even in our own limited way, understand who God is and what he asks of us. The Incarnation of God in Christ is the singular and privileged way by which God reveals himself to the world. We see in Christ with the greatest clarity possible who God is and what he is all about.

This clarity of vision is made possible by God because it is in the radiance of his own life and love that he reveals himself in Christ. What we see in Christ is a mystery.

And that is the lesson: God has, in Christ, accepted a human nature and lived a real human life. It is this mysterious revelation that the Church, like Christ's Mother, the Mother of God, contemplates and treasures on this day, and all the days of the year. (Excerpt ... Fr. Steve Grunow, Word on Fire)

"Healing Mass – January 3rd, 2018 at Mount St. Joseph at 1:30 pm. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer." Celebrant Father Leo Coughlin.

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Dec 17th Offertory: Envr: \$2726.00+ Loose

\$738.00 + + PAP \$470.00= \$3934.00

Fuel: \$20.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$135.00

Christmas: PAP \$110.00 & Envr \$135.00

C.W.L. News



May God grant you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next CWL meeting will be Tue, January 2nd in the parish hall following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Knights of Columbus News



We extend hearty wishes to you all for a very merry Christmas and an abundance of God's blessings in the New Year.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE WINTER 2018 (begin January 8th)

God, Gods & No Gods: The Religions of Planet Earth

Dr. Robin Lathangue, Wednesdays 4:15 – 7:00 p.m.

Why compare religions? What value is there in knowing about the teaching of traditions other than one's own? Are religions really all that different, or basically the same – like alternative hiking trails to the top of the mountains? What are the trigger points, if any, that make it difficult for them to get along together? All these questions and more await your curiosity. 705-745-5549 Register online at: www.sacredheartcollege.ca or e-mail registar@sacredheartcollege.ca



The Second Annual St. Joseph Dinner

Tickets are available for the 2nd Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry. Funds raised support Catholic ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College. The dinner will take place Sat, Feb. 3 at the Evinrude Centre Banquet Hall in Peterborough. Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Students from Trent, Fleming and Sacred Heart College will speak, as will keynote speaker Bishop Daniel Miehm. Tickets are \$100 and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner or by visiting the Vocations Office (820 Frank Street) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Contact Fr. John Perdue vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org 705-874-1871

The Christmas Mass on TV

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community. Watch the Daily TV Mass: Christmas Eve on VisionTV at 9:00 pm ET yesTV at 10:00 pm ET Christmas Day at 8:00 am & 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV 11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light. 1:00 pm on yesTV

Wipe away, Baby Jesus, the tears of children!

Embrace the sick and the elderly! Move men to lay down their arms and to draw close in a universal embrace of peace!

Invite the peoples, O merciful Jesus, to tear down the walls created by poverty and unemployment, by ignorance and indifference, by discrimination and intolerance.

It is you, O Divine Child of Bethlehem, who save us, freeing us from sin.

It is you who are the true and only Saviour, whom humanity often searches for with uncertainty.



God of peace, gift of peace for all of humanity,
come to live in the heart of every individual and of every
family. Be our peace and our joy! Amen!

The Return of the Flying Fathers

The Peterborough Vocations Office announces
the return of the Flying Fathers who will compete
at the **Ennismore** arena on **Mon, Jan. 29th at 6pm**,
featuring two priests from our diocese, Fr. John Perdue
& Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets can be purchased
at www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey or at the Vocations
Office on Tues. or Thurs. 8:30-4:30. Tickets - \$15 each,
under 12 free Call [705-874-1871](tel:705-874-1871)



Summer Camp

Chilawee Trails has overnight week long camps for girls
in August for girls ages 9-14. Located in Barry's Bay it
offers sports, daily Mass, swimming, rosary, crafts,
confessions, canoe, and drama - a week of fun, friendship
and faith awaits!
Registration opens in March. Consider helping campers
from low-income families. For more info:
chilaweetrails.ca.

Men's Conference

On February 24th join Hector Molina and Bishop of
St. Catharines Gerard Bergie along with hundreds of
men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual **Band of
Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada
Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly
Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat
consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration,
Confession, fraternity and prayer.
Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets:
1-888-522-2070 or
<https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>,
info@ServiamMinistries.com

Readings:

Dec. 24th: 4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1- 5, 8 – 12, 14, 16
Psalm 89

2nd Reading: Romans 16: 25 – 27

Gospel: Luke 1:26 – 38

Dec. 25th: Christmas Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 52: 7- 10

Psalm 98

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1: 1 – 6

Gospel: John 1: 1 – 18

Dec. 31st: Holy Family

1st Reading: Genesis 15: 1- 6, 17: 3– 5, 15 –
16, 21: 1 – 7

Psalm 105

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11 – 12, 17 – 19

Gospel: Luke 1:26 – 38

Jan. 1st: Mary, the Mother of God

1st Reading: Genesis 15: 1- 6, 17: 3– 5, 15 –
16, 21: 1 – 7

Psalm 105

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11 – 12, 17 – 19

Gospel: Luke 1:26 – 38

Jan. 7th: The Epiphany

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1- 6

Psalm 72

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2 – 3, 5 – 6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 – 12

Holy Father's Intentions: December

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian
communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to
spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Latin Tridentine Mass

*Mass will be celebrated on the First and Last Sundays
of the month at 1:00 pm and every Saturday morning at
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hastings at 8:30 am.*

*All other Sundays of
the month, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of the
Visitation Church, Campbellford at 12:30 pm.*

You are most welcome to attend

After Abortion Canadian Helpline

Second Chance Ministry 905-430-7990

We offer support to those struggling with emotional and
psychological effects of abortion, sometimes known as post
abortion trauma or post abortion syndrome.

Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.ca

The Compassionate Community Care

(CCC) helpline is a national service for
people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia &
assisted suicide prevention, and all end-of-life
treatment issues or concerns. They can be reached
toll free at 1-855-675-8749 ... The number operates
7days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast.
www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org



MAKE A ' LIFE ' DIFFERENCE.

Prayer does have power. Join us this Saturday morning from
10:00 am to 11:00 am across from the Peterborough hospital.
Come singly or as part of a group. We need you to participate
in our **sidewalk prayer vigil for the unborn**.
Defend life and be part of this public witness against the
horror of abortion. **Paul 741- 4000 or Tom 243-4133**

Church Cleaning Ministry

Please find the church cleaning sheet on the glass
religious article case at the back of the church. Once a
week, one month at a time, we need cleaners to
vacuum, dust mop and do general dusting at Assumption.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**At St Alphonsus Oratory 7a.m. - Midnight and Noon-
Midnight (Sunday)**

Info: Bernadette 705-742-3055



"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

ROSARY FOR LIFE ON THURSDAYS

Come and join in praying the 15-decade Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious) for the sanctity and protection of life from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, followed by the Memorare and St. Michael's Prayer. **Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.**

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. January 11th: 12 -2 p.m., & 4 – 6 p.m.
Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm or at the back of the Church.



Project Rachel

Project Rachel offers accompaniment, counselling, personal presence and support, and other services at any time they are needed by women or men. They also offer weekend retreats which provide opportunity for women who have suffered from an abortion experience to find healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. Are you hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible. Please contact them for upcoming dates, in confidence, by telephone at 416 629 8264 or by e-mail projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.
<http://www.stmarysrefuge.org>



Chalice is a ministry of the Catholic Community, creating and nurturing relationships of life and love. To find out how Chalice Helps go to website <http://www.ccare.ca/>

Quo Vadis (Where are you going?)

Quo Vadis brings together young men (18-35yrs.) who are on the journey toward the answer to the question 'what is my vocation?' We will have Mass, adoration, confessions, talk and lunch. Join us on **from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House.
Quo Vadis schedule: January 13, February 10, March 3, April 7, May 12, June 23

Flower Committee



Volunteers needed to help with flower decor for the Assumption Church Sanctuary. If interested please call Judy at 705-740-2062 or Joanne at 705-313-6750.

Peterborough Communication Support Systems

A non-profit agency that provides support services to Deaf / non-verbal individuals living with intellectual disabilities. They provide quality sewing, custom embroidery, printing services and woodworking products. 192 B Hunter St. West. Phone: (705) 748 6680

"The Mass is the most favourable occasion to speak with the eternal Father, because then we offer Him His only Son as a victim for our salvation. Before celebrating, reflect on the sufferings of your Redeemer, commune peaceably with Him, even in the midst of dryness; carry to the altar the needs of the entire world." **St. Paul of the Cross**

"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly."

— Bernard of Clairvaux

The greatest deception, and the deepest source of unhappiness, is the illusion of finding life by excluding God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility. (St. Pope John Paul II)

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, the Cure of Ars once asked one of his parishioners who spent hours in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, "My good father, what do you say to our Lord in those long visits you pay Him every day?" "I say nothing to Him," was the man's moving reply; "I look at Him and He looks at me."

St. Anthony Mary Claret:

The Christian who desires to follow Jesus carrying his cross must bear in mind that the name "Christian" means "bearer or imitator of Christ" and that if he wishes to bear that noble title worthily, he must above all do as Christ charges us in the Gospel; we must oppose or deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars

In danger, in distress, in uncertainty, think of Mary, call upon Mary. She never leaves your lips, she never departs from your heart; and so that you may obtain the help of her prayers, never forget the example of her life. If you follow her, you cannot falter; if you pray to her, you cannot despair; if you think of her, you cannot err. If she sustains you, you will not stumble; if she protects you, you have nothing to fear; if she guides you, you will never flag; if she is favourable to you, you will attain your goal... (Hom. II *super Missus est*, 17: PL 183, 70-71).

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux from his homily on the Incarnation of Christ.

"The reason for loving God is God Himself. The measure is to love Him beyond measure." St. Bernard of Clairvaux

WHAT IS THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION? The Catholic devotion of First Saturdays was given to the Church by Our Lady of Fatima and the Child Jesus through the children of Fatima. In 1925, Mary and the Child Jesus appeared to Lucia, the sole surviving Fatima visionary, at a convent in Spain and promised her that she would "...assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation." HOW TO DO THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS: There are 4 requirements to faithfully fulfill the

five first Saturdays: Go to Confession. Receive Holy Communion. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary. Meditate for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary (separate from saying the Rosary).

“Bring me the sign of true humility by being not overly ambitious in your position, but lowly. Don’t be impatient over any pain or abuse you might suffer, but endure within the body of holy Church by the firm power of patience, even to the point of death. When you speak and proclaim the truth, whether in giving counsel or in any other role, do it fearlessly, looking only to God’s honour, the salvation of souls, and the advancement of holy Church, as her true son, nurtured by so tender a Mother. In this way you will demonstrate gentle divine charity and patience as well.” (Saint Catherine of Siena)

Clearly, what God wants above all is our will which we received as a free gift from God in creation and possess as though our own. When a man trains himself to acts of virtue, it is with the help of grace from God from whom all good things come that he does this. The will is what man has as his unique possession. St. Joseph of Cupertino

“Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.” St. John of the Cross

